

HOUSE RESOLUTION 136

By Shaw

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Agnes Idella "Dorothy" Jones Owens on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Agnes Idella "Dorothy" Jones Owens will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 10, 2022, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Jessie Wilson Beard Jones and Eddie Jones, Dorothy Owens was born and raised in Bolivar; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens took sewing classes at Bolivar Industrial School and attended Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis until the eleventh grade when she had to quit due to the death of her father; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Dorothy Owens served with acumen and alacrity as a nurse aid at Shelby County Hospital, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and patients alike for the superior quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens also served her community by working at Middleton Cleaners and as a sitter and housekeeper for families in Bolivar; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 1957, Dorothy Owens was joined in marriage with Curtis Bell "Kirk" Owens, and the couple's blessed union produced twin daughters; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens is also the proud and loving grandmother of nine grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, on her ninety-second birthday, Dorothy Owens received an honorary high school diploma from Booker T. Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Dorothy Owens has enjoyed sewing, quilting, embroidering, baking, and reading her Bible; in 2018, with the help of her granddaughter, she published her memoir, *Look Who Done Come Up the Slip: A Century of Stories from My Life*; and

WHEREAS, as she approaches her eleventh decade, Mrs. Owens is known for remembering the birthdays of her nearly thirty siblings and countless nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Agnes Idella "Dorothy" Jones Owens on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.